Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gusman (U.S. 1,669,052) in view of Strauch (U.S. 4,817,318). Claims 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gusman, Strauch, and other references of record. Claim 7 and 8, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, the features of claims 1 and 6 have been added into claim 7 and claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has also been added into claim 8. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 7. Claims 15-19 (which correspond to claims 2, 3, 5, 9 and 11, respectively) have been added and depend from claim 8.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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